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Happy New Year!

Pattern(s) of the Month
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Continuing with our alphabet, this month we have **E** and **F**, and I seem to have fallen into the water with these two. “**E**” is for echinoderms, which are radially symmetrical saltwater organisms with shells. As in starfish, sand dollars, and sea urchins. Many of them are really pretty, but their actual shells can be very fragile, unlike sturdier forms like clams and lobsters.

The “typeface” for this one is actually script, more like handwriting than lettering designs used in letterpress and its more modern technological cousins. Learning decent handwriting has gone out the window for much of the modern education system, as students focus on learning keyboard skills for doing written assignments via computer.

“**F**” is for Fish and Fishing, combining trout with flies, as I am married to a fly fisherman. However, because he does almost all catch and release, I rarely get to enjoy truly fresh fish anymore.

For both of these letters, enlarge them by 150% to use them on a 10” block. Reduce or enlarge them as needed for whatever size block you are making. If enlarging, divide the finished larger size with the size of the pattern—it will be higher than 100%. When reducing, divide the smaller desired finished size by the pattern size for less than 100%





